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Title : Issue regarding rising prices of essential commodities.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Madam, today I am raising a very important issue concerning millions and millions of people of our country. In spite of repeated assurances given by the Finance Minister as well as the Prime Minister in regard to containing and controlling the prices of essential commodities, today the inflation has touched double digit. During this period prices of almost all the essential commodities like pulses, edible oil, vegetables, rice, wheat, everything have risen. The situation has worsened because of the wrong policy being pursued by the Central Government. The Government has allowed speculative trading in black beans. The Government has allowed inter-State trading in foodgrains. Because of the policy being pursued by the Central Government, it has adverse impact on the prices of almost all the essential commodities....(*Interruptions*)

Madam, the livelihood of a majority of people, 70 per cent of them, is dependent on only Rs.20 per day. I demand that there should be focused discussion on this burning issue, the problem concerning millions and millions of people. The situation has come to such a pass that today one-fourth of the population goes to bed with empty stomach, without any food. The Government is quite indifferent. Because of the inaction of the Government, because of wrong policy being pursued by UPA-II Government, the inflation is increasing, it has touched double digit. I demand that this Government should take some concrete measures, should act against the rising prices of essential commodities, so that the increase in the inflation is contained and controlled and the livelihood of the people is ensured....(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri Saidul Haque wants to associate himself with the issue raised by Shri Basu Deb Acharia.

...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER: Shri Gurudas Dasgupta.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (GHATAL): Madam, can I speak from here?

MADAM SPEAKER: All right.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA: Madam, the issue is that the Government has totally failed. It is the failure of the Government's economic policy and it is a failure of liberalization. It is a failure of the economic reforms. This Government is quite absolutely ineffective. They cannot even control their own Party Members. That is how the Government is functioning.

This Government's inability is exposed in price rise, is exposed in their own Parliamentary Party meeting, and is exposed everywhere. The Chief Economic Advisor of the Government is speaking in a different way, while the Minister is speaking in a different way. This is a total failure of this incompetent, ineffective, and insensitive Government. The inaction of the Government is highly deplorable.

I am demanding an All-Party meeting to be immediately called by the Government to discuss the question of price rise. The price of Mustard Oil has become Rs. 100. The Consumer Price Index has gone up by more than 10 points. Once again, let there be an All-Party meeting. Secondly, let there be an all Chief Ministers' meeting immediately to be called by the Government of India to chalk out a specific programme to contain the price rise.

We shall raise the matter every time the Government remains ineffective. The Parliament's Resolution has not been implemented. Therefore, there is an unprecedented situation and we want the Government to act and let us know what they are doing in this regard. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI (HAVERI): I would like to associate with what Shri Gurudas Dasgupta has said on the issue of price rise.

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.00 p.m.

12.18 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.[S3]

14.00 hrs

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock

(Shri Francisco Cosme Sardinha *in the Chair*)

...(*Interruptions*)

14.0 Â¼ hrs

At this stage, Shri Ponnam Prabhakar, Shri Madhu Goud Yaskhi and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table

...(*Interruptions*)

...(*Interruptions*)